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Dr. Arthur F. Burns
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Dear Dr. Burns:

I enjoyed very much listening to you at the Planning Board last week. My only regret was that the text you were given by Cutler was so circumscribed. As I said somewhat facetiously to Ev Gleason, you were put in the position of a military expert supposed to talk on problems of discipline in the Army who is confined to a text: "The Evils of Long-continued Infliction of Corporal Punishment upon Enlisted Men."

To my mind, the matter that should concern us primarily is the extent to which our economy can support the Defense and Aid Programs that are found necessary to meet the Communist threat. I attach two short papers which may be of possible interest to you in this regard. The first is a memorandum I wrote during the preparation of NSC 153, and the second is a hasty compilation of data bearing on relative world power.


I would like very much to have lunch with you some day to pursue this discussion.

Sincerely,

Robert Amory, Jr.
Deputy Director/Intelligence

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